Suffolk County Board of Ethics Suffolk County, New York

Minutes of Meeting Held on
December 11, 2013
Main Conference Room
335 Yaphank Avenue, Yaphank, New York 11980

<u>Meeting</u>: *Board Members present*: Robin Long, Richard Halverson, and Linda Spahr. Heather Palmore arrived at 7:20 p.m. *Staff present*: Samantha Segal, Executive Director and Darlene Kurrass, Board Secretary, taking minutes. Counsel arrived at 4:45 p.m. *Counsel Present*: John Gross, Esq., and Julie Torrey, Esq.

Public Present: Rick Brand.

<u>Ascertainment of Quorum</u>: The meeting was called to order at 4:03 p.m. by Chair, Robin Long. A roll call was conducted and a quorum was present.

Adoption of Agenda: At 4:05 p.m. a motion was made by Linda Spahr, seconded by Richard Halverson, to adopt the agenda. Upon a vote being taken motion was approved. (3-0-0)

<u>Executive Session</u>: At 4:06 p.m. a motion was made by Robin Long, seconded by Richard Halverson to go into Executive Session for the purpose of discussing ongoing confidential matters pertaining advisory opinion in accordance with the Suffolk County Administrative Code §A30-8. Upon a vote being taken, motion was approved. (3-0-0)

The Board, the Executive Director and the Board Secretary left the Main Conference Room to conduct Executive Session in the Board's Offices.

Counsel arrived at 4:45 p.m. during Executive Session.

The Board, the Executive Director and the Board Secretary returned to the Main Conference Room to come out of Executive Session.

At 5:30 p.m. a motion was made by Robin Long, seconded by Richard Halverson to leave Executive Session. Upon a vote being taken, motion was approved. (3-0-0)

At 5:30 p.m. a motion was made by Robin Long, seconded by Richard Halverson to recess. Upon a vote being taken, motion was approved. (3-0-0)

At 6:00 p.m. a motion was made by Robin Long, seconded by Linda Spahr to call the meeting back to order. Upon a vote being taken, motion was approved. (3-0-0) A roll call was conducted and a quorum was present.

<u>Public Session</u>: At 6:01 p.m. one member of the public, Rick Brand, was present and spoke, and no written testimony was submitted.

At 6:06 p.m. a motion was made by Robin Long to go into Executive Session.

At 6:07 p.m. Richard Halverson seconded the motion made by Robin Long to go into Executive Session for the purpose of discussing ongoing confidential matters pertaining to Advisory Opinions in accordance

with the Suffolk County Administrative Code §A30-8 and Financial Disclosure Statements Reasonable Cause Votes and Hearings regarding potential ethics violations pursuant to §105 of the New York State Open Meetings Law. Upon a vote being taken, motion was approved. (3-0-0)

The Board, staff and Counsel left the Main Conference Room to conduct Executive Session in the Board's Offices.

During Executive Session the Financial Disclosure Statement Hearings were adjourned to January 8, 2013,

the Board voted on reasonable cause for FDS#s: 360, (3-0-0), 363, (3-0-0), 365, (3-0-0), 390, (3-0-0), 394, (3-0-0), 401, (3-0-0), 405, (3-0-0), 406, (3-0-0), 407, (3-0-0), 422, (3-0-0), 453, (3-0-0), 464, (3-0-0), 481, (3-0-0), 483, (3-0-0), 488, (3-0-0), 493, (3-0-0), 507, (3-0-0),

Heather Palmore arrived at 7: 20 p.m. during Executive Session,

the Board discussed AO-2013-16, and voted on AO-2013-17, (4-0-0) and AO-2013-20, (3-1-0).

At 9:13 p.m. a motion was made by Richard Halverson, seconded by Robin Long to leave Executive Session. Upon a vote being taken, motion was approved. (4-0-0)

The next meeting of the Board will be held on December 16, 2013 at 10:00 a.m.

There being no further business, a motion was made by Richard Halverson, seconded by Linda Spahr to adjourn the meeting. Upon a vote being taken motion was approved. (4-0-0) (9:15 p.m.)